

## Lawrence Nature Center Minutes September 14, 2011

Attendance: Alan, Teresita, John, Anne, Lisa, Carol, Steve, Sue.

Guests: Delia Monken, Linda Anderson, Eileen Wilber

### Scout Project:

- Delia showed her Wood Duck Box, which is almost finished. She is making a side door for easy cleaning, and hopes to install it in 2 weeks. She will take pictures and a video for You Tube.

### Community Day:

- Community Day is October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12-5 pm. Sue will operate a table and is looking for volunteers to help talk to the public about LNC. Email Sue ASAP if you can help out.

### Donation:

- The Princeton Area Community Foundation selected LNC to receive \$2,000. It will be banked in the Township trust fund.
- Ideas were discussed on how to spend the donation. Carol suggested making a vernal pool with excellent signage. John suggested looking into traveling shows that could be booked to come to the nature center. The computer purchase was discussed further. No decision was made. Submit your ideas to Anne.
- Herb Lord donated 2 pictures to the nature center, the spotted salamander and the red tailed hawk. The group discussed payment and a check for \$300 will be sent to him.

### Property:

- Teresita has arranged to have the Foundation Academy Charter School of Trenton to come October 15<sup>th</sup> to work on the meadow. The teacher is an arborist and will help select good trees to transplant into the forest, and invasive trees to dig up and destroy.
- Alan showed pictures of a fence he would like to build that would screen the outhouse. He gave a drawing to Steve who will check with the township to see if permits, etc. are required.

### Programs:

- Sue would like to have an Education Committee meeting next Wednesday at LNC 7 pm to discuss future programs. Please attend if you are available.
- She noted Earth Science week is October 9-15. She would like to run a fossil talk on October 13<sup>th</sup> which is National Fossil Day. If you know of any speakers, please call her.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12 pm "Fossils are Fun". Linda T will teach preK-1 and Sue will teach second grade and up. Flyer coming soon.
- November 10-11 is teacher conference and Sue would like to run a class either of those days. Any suggestions? She will contact the Mom's Club East to see if they would like a program.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-3 pm - Teresita would like to organize a wreath making event.
- Carol contacted Kathy Robbins about an education grant that Linda B is willing to apply for. It requires collaboration between teaching institutions doing

environmental education. Kathy will talk with the teachers, LTPS science supervisor and grant writer to see if there is interest. Anne will follow up with Kathy in the next couple of weeks.

Non-profit Status:

- Carol finished the paperwork for the 501-c3 application. There has been some discussion that this is not a necessary step to take. Carol will check with Linda if she minds the extra paperwork. Carol feels uncomfortable submitting it without attorney review since our names are all on a legal document, and we are all amateurs. The group agreed that we must show it to an attorney. Teresita will ask someone she knows. The fee is currently \$300 for submission, but may decrease if the new on line application gets going.